

**CHAPTER NO. 110**

**SENATE BILL NO. 4039**

**By Herron**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 4106**

**By Maddox**

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 255 of the Private Acts of 1982, relative to the exercise of juvenile court jurisdiction in Weakley County.

WHEREAS, Chapter 255 of the Private Acts of 1982 created a separate juvenile court in Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-203, provides that the general sessions court shall exercise juvenile court jurisdiction except in counties or municipalities wherein juvenile courts are specially provided for by law; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. In the event the office of juvenile judge of Weakley County shall become vacant for any reason, effective immediately upon that vacancy Chapter 255 of the Private Acts of 1982 shall be repealed. Upon repeal of Chapter 255 of the Private Acts of 1982, the general sessions court of Weakley County shall, from that date forward, exercise juvenile court jurisdiction and have all duties, powers and authority of a juvenile court as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, or any other general law.

SECTION 2. In the event that Chapter 255 of the Private Acts of 1982 is repealed, the base compensation of the general sessions judge of Weakley County, as adjusted by any applicable cost-of-living increases and any other supplements to that salary, shall be increased by twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per annum.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Weakley County prior to August 31, 2006. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of such legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 4.

**Passed: May 25, 2006**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR